

# JOBS FOR MONTANA'S GRADUATES

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## CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Career Development Conference (CDC) was held May 5th and 6th at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center in Billings.

Over 400 students, career specialists, judges, workshop presenters and special guests participated in the 19th annual event.

The competitive events were the main focus of the CDC with over 17 categories that relate directly to JMG's curriculum.

The students also attended workshops that included Montana Green Campus, with David Hall, who currently is part of Montana's "Green" revolution. Mr. Hall shared thoughts and ideas on "going green".

Once again, we had Chet Leach, of Bozeman share stories of building a career outside the box through working smart and work-

ing from the heart. His drums are always a big hit with the students. Mr. Leach is the owner of the Rhythms Drum & Dance Store in Bozeman.

Krista Hertz, Executive Director of the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools, presented a "movie" workshop with an important message from the world famous Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle. The philosophy shared by the Fish Market is renowned for sending an important message on maintaining a fun working environment, customer satisfaction and sharing a vision for a better workplace.

Sindie Kennedy and Don Earl, both University of Montana alumni, gave a powerful presentation on Cyberbullying and how to understand the problems and causes associated with

this new form of harassment. The students participating in this insightful workshop learned the strategies for addressing cyber bullying and worked together to create solutions to different scenarios.



Abbey Francisco plays her cello during the Talent portion at CDC.

This year's CDC also included a dance, a Coordinated Chaos activity and concluded with the Award's Luncheon on Wednesday afternoon, where students were awarded trophies for winning in their respective competitive events.

## COORDINATED CHAOS

**Coordinated Chaos** is certainly the right name for the crazy mixed up series of team activities that has become increasingly popular at CDC.

This opening activity is a great ice-breaker and provided students the opportunity to meet and mingle with others from different schools from around the state.

Students are divided into 32 teams that have kids from all different schools. The students had to work together to complete activities at 8 different stations within a 10 minute time limit. Activities included Wordles, Charades in Motion, Scavenger Hunt, Professional Pictionary, JMG Challenge, Landing the Perfect Job, The Climbing Wall, and Team Roping.



A student tries to successfully climb the Climbing Wall during Coordinated Chaos.

The Montana National Guard was on hand to assist with this event.

## LAME DEER BLOOD DRIVE

Bonnie Bigback and the Lame Deer JMG class held a Blood Drive on March 16, 2009.

As part of their civic responsibility, the class sponsored a Blood Drive at the Old Parent Center room located in the blue Tech building.

Bonnie stated that "they have been recruiting high school stu-



An unidentified man sits comfortably as blood is drawn from his arm during the JMG Blood Drive that was held in Lame Deer in March.

dents in hopes of saving some lives in and around Lame Deer." Donors must be at least 17 years of age to donate blood and they must also have the proper identification. About one in 7 people entering the hospital need blood and one pint can save up to three lives.

Thirteen tests (11 for infectious diseases) are performed on each unit of donated blood and white blood cells are the primary defense against infection and disease.

Mrs. Bigback added, "The kids have done a tremendous job along with the

FACS class in helping to prepare meals for donors. "The rarest blood type is the one not on the shelf when it's needed by a patient."



The winning Banners were: Metal/Wood category (on left), Cascade High School and Fabric/Paper category (on right), North Star High School, Rudyard.



## EXTREME MAKEOVER—HELENA HIGH EDITION

The JMG students at Helena High School decided to give their Copula Courtyard an "Extreme Makeover". Their courtyard was in dire need of a facelift and the students worked collectively with the welding, drafting, art and construction classes to create a unique oasis for students to relax, mingle with friends and enjoy their lunches during the school day. Their teacher, Mrs. Parker, emphasized that this was a class project and everyone needed to be involved in the decision making and planning. The project was broken down

into phases. Each student drafted up their own personalized vision and this was then voted on by the class.

They then requested price quotes from the various businesses around Helena for the cost of the project. The entire project was quoted at \$7,200! After agreeing that the only way to afford such an undertaking was to obtain more

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money, a grant proposal was devised and successful in getting funds. After the trees had been trimmed, timbers laid, river rock placed, their new courtyard became a reality. On Monday, May 4th a special dedication ceremony was held at the high school. Mrs. Parker, the JMG teacher, stated that "the renovation will improve the overall look of our school and will be available for all of our students and staff to enjoy!"

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Jobs for Montana's Graduates Foundation is proud to have a partnership with the Student Assistance Foundation (SAF). This year SAF provided a grant to the JMG Foundation for scholarships. Because of the Student Assistance Foundation grant we were able to award scholarships to five JMG students with a value of \$500 each. Those awarded scholarships from SAF were: Katrina Lauckner, Nashua High School, Alex Krueger, Anaconda High School; Emily Eiland, Glasgow High School; and Bailee Vaughn, Bridger High School; Not shown is Addie Lepley, Granite High School, Philipsburg. Kelly Chapman, the Executive Vice President of the SAF Foundation is shown presenting the scholarships.



# CDC Competitive Event Winners

Event	Place	Name	School
<b>Career Exploratory Notebook Grade 10</b>	1st	Carly Johns	Anaconda High School
	2nd	Marina Ball	Powell County HS, Deer Lodge
<b>Career Exploratory Notebook Grade 11</b>	1st	Amber Casey	Helena PAL
	2nd	Joshua Plummer	Glasgow High School
	3rd	Jorden Allen	Anaconda High School
<b>Career Exploratory Notebook Grade 12</b>	1st	Sassion Beckman	Butte Webster Garfield
	2nd	Alicia Capp	Anaconda High School
	3rd	Christine Lona	Powell County HS, Deer Lodge
<b>Chapter Banner—Fabric/Paper</b>	1st		North Star HS, Rudyard
	2nd		Havre SUNS
	3rd		Libby Central Pride
<b>Chapter Banner—Metal/Wood</b>	1st		Cascade High School
	2nd		Billings Career Center
	3rd		Culbertson High School
<b>Chapter Civic Activities</b>	1st		Plains High School
	2nd		Helena High School
<b>Chapter Manual</b>	1st		Helena PAL
	2nd		Culbertson High School
	3rd		Helena High School
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	1st	Jeanette Bader	Anaconda High School
	2nd	Darla Best	Plains High School
	3rd	Jesse Weinacker	Helena PAL
<b>Decision Making—Grade 10</b>	1st	Sonja Haren	Culbertson High School
	2nd	Aaron Schibig	Whitefish Independent HS
	3rd	Dominique Foss	Columbia Falls Learning Ctr
<b>Decision Making—Grade 11</b>	1st	Bryce Hill	Malta High School
	2nd	Gina Savely	Culbertson High School
	3rd	Jon Page	Glasgow High School
<b>Electronic Presentation</b>	1st	Shelby Schaffer	Helena High School
	2nd	Jake Davis-Kjensrud	Columbia Falls HS
	3rd	Aimee Plummer	Glasgow High School
<b>Employment Preparation</b>	1st	Emily Morigeau	Plains High School
	2nd	Joe Human	North Star HS, Rudyard
	3rd	Alexis Krueger	Anaconda High School
<b>Individual Civic Activities</b>	1st	Shea Foley	Helena High School
	2nd	Bambi Erving	Plains High School
	3rd	Sarah Hays	Helena PAL
<b>Life Math Skills—Grade 10/11</b>	1st	Karlie Pelczar	Billings Career Center
	(tie)	David Dvorshak	Malta High School
	2nd	Dillon Thomas	Bridger High School
	3rd	Dustin Kelm	Nashua High School

# CDC Competitive Event Winners

Event	Place	Name	School
Life Math Skills—Grade 12	1st	Ty Bell	Glasgow High School
	2nd	Jason Miller	Malta High School
	3rd	Nicole Weltikol	Scobey High School
	(tie)	Ryan Torres	Billings Career Center
Poster Slogan—Grade 10	1st	Shelbi Rainier	Helena PAL
	2nd	Kyrdy Adams	Powell County HS, Deer Lodge
	3rd	Courtney Mannin	Helena Capital HS
Poster Slogan—Grade 11	1st	Brittany Bailey	Libby Central Pride
	2nd	Brooke Marshall	Bridger High School
	3rd	Chris Shumard	Helena PAL
Poster Slogan—Grade 12	1st	Andrea Damm	Culbertson High School
	2nd	Rebecca Roberts	Cascade High School
	3rd	Erin Murphy	Helena High School
Public Speaking—Grade 10/11	1st	Sarah Hays	Helena PAL
	2nd	Brock Watson	Bridger High School
	3rd	Morgan Kuzmik	Columbia Falls High School
Public Speaking—Grade 12	1st	Natasha McMillian	Malta High School
	2nd	Emily Eiland	Glasgow High School
	3rd	Mitzi Weisbeck	Nashua High School
Talent—Group	1st		Plains High School
	2nd		Helena PAL
	3rd		Whitefish Independent HS
Talent—Individual	1st	Lauren Roan	Cascade High School
	2nd	Bruce “Chip” Brackett	Butte Webster Garfield
	3rd	Shawnee Rasmussen	Scobey High School
Telephone Techniques—Grade 11	1st	Clarrisa Tighe	Helena PAL
	2nd	Gina Savely	Culbertson High School
	3rd	Jayde Clampitt	Nashua High School
Telephone Techniques—Grade 12	1st	Katrina Lauckner	Nashua High School
	2nd	Cynthia McCrea	Plains High School
	3rd	Jesse Weinacker	Helena PAL
Web Page Design	1st		Plains High School
	2nd		Helena High School
	3rd		Cascade High School
Words in the Workplace—Grade 11	1st	Wilbert “Pick” Ackerman	Nashua High School
	2nd	Jake Holmes	Havre SUNS
	3rd	Whitney McCurdy	Anaconda High School
Words in the Workplace—Grade 12	1st	Jordan Wilkinson	Havre High School
	2nd	Sally Crain	Whitehall High School
	3rd	Deni Azure	Poplar High School



# CHAIRMAN'S RECOGNITION AWARDS

Each year the Career Specialists from around the state nominate those individuals who have done superior work in JMG with the Chairman's Recognition Award.

These awards are given to those students who have contributed, not only in the classroom, but in their communities as well. Those students recognized at the Career Development Conference in Billings were:

Jasmine Warner, Anaconda High School; Linda Gleason, Billings Career Center; Heidi Mudd, Bridger High School; Roger Grow, Butte Webster Garfield; Awnnaleah Gardner, Cascade High School; Kellie Emerson, Culbertson High School; Jorden Hiatt, Dawson County High School,



Glendive; Wes Cochran, Dodson High School; Kelsie Mitchell, Frenchtown High School; Emily Eiland, Glasgow High School; Jay Hemrick, Granite High School, Philipsburg; Kadee Burrington, Havre High School; Kayla Knowlton, Havre Students United for New Success (SUNS); Michael Budak, Helena High School; Clarrisa Tighe, Helena Project for Alternative Learning (PAL); Bryce Hill, Malta High School; Joe Human, North Star High School, Rudyard; Robert Person, Plains High School; Christine Lona, Powell County High School, Deer Lodge; Merrilee Thomas, Whitefish Independent High School, Whitefish; Will Chaput, Whitehall High School.

## SNAPSHOTS



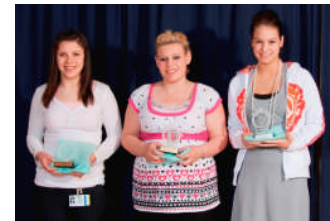
*There were 31 high schools represented at this year's Career Development Conference. Our Career Specialists were given a gift for their dedication to JMG. Those attending this year's conference are pictured below.*







## PHOTO GALLERY



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